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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Security Control System for P2V Program of DD/P

1. Several weeks ago [] consulted me regarding the advisability of using the [] system as a security control system for the product of P2V Program. I suggested that while my initial reaction was unfavorable to his proposal that I would not want to form my own opinion firmly until I had held a discussion with the parties receiving a copy of this memorandum. I further suggested that pending an Agency judgement on this matter it would not be desirable to discuss it with Colonel Macia of Air Force.

2. On Wednesday afternoon a meeting was held in my office with [] Assistant to the DD/I (Ping) present. In this meeting it was not clear why [] wished to use the [] System. The following reasons were presented at different times:

a. Arrangements have been made for Air Force to process the product in the field; inasmuch as the materials would have to be processed in special quarters the Air Forces' secure [] quarters would be available.

c. The Air Force has a primary interest in the product as well as provides primary support to the operations.

[] pointed out that the only interest DD/P has is to find a secure system to get the materials to the people who need it in the quickest possible time. The writer learned on the following day that [] was going to Europe the next week in order to look into the procurement problem for additional equipment needed for the Air Force to process the materials.

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3. Messrs. [] and Reber made the following points:

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a. That the DCI was responsible for the security and dissemination of the products of a CIA operation such as this; that the TALENT Control System had been designed in order to carry out these responsibilities in the case of AQUATONE, a project similar to the P2V program; that we ought to know why the same reasoning and arrangements applicable to AQUATONE are not applicable to the P2V program; and that we should be sure that the facilities and arrangements for processing, dissemination and secure control applicable for AQUATONE are not applicable to P2V program before different arrangements are concluded.

In conclusion, Mr. Reber indicated that he would like to discuss the matter with Mr. Bissell.

4. On Thursday morning, June 21st, Mr. Reber brought the matter to the attention of Mr. Bissell who stated that Mr. Amory had mentioned the matter to him. Mr. Bissell requested Reber to inform [] that he (Bissell) would not concur in a proposal to use the [] system for the P2V program. [] stated that he would report these views to [] and that he presumed any coordination with DD/I office would take place through Mr. Sheldon who had been assigned responsibility on [] matters for DD/I area.

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